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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 6, 2001 NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED

This Communication is submitted in response to a June 6, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The Notice provides a period of two months for filing a response. Therefore a response is due on August 6, 2001. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application indicates that the oath or declaration is unsigned. Applicants attach hereto a copy of the Notice as **Exhibit A**. In response, applicants submit as **Exhibit B** a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f). In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63, the Declaration refers to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date.

The Notice indicates that to avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e) of \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37



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C.F.R. §1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

In response, applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the \$65.00 surcharge for a small entity.

In addition, in the event that the United States Patent and Trademark Office charged any fees in addition to those required for a small entity, applicants hereby request a refund for any such fees. This refund should be credited to Deposit Account No. 03-3125 under Docket No. 59469.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone either of them at the number provided below.

No fee other than the enclosed \$65.00 surcharge is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, ATTN: Box Missing Parts.

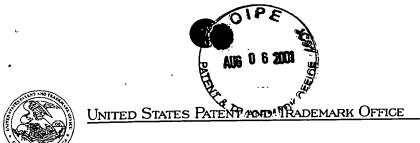
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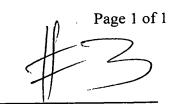
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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